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Wednesday May 6, 2026

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07:30 - 08:30 **Check-In and Hot Networking Breakfast**

08:30 - 08:45 **Emcee Welcome and Opening Remarks**

08:45 - 09:00 **Industry Pulse: 2025 Lookback + 2026 Outlook**

Kick off the Forum with a fast-paced intelligence briefing pairing key data from 2025 Canadian venture activity with a forward-looking view of what's next. Gain sharp insights into capital deployment trends, cleantech convergence, and the emerging signals set to shape Ag & Food Tech in 2026.



09:00 - 09:45 **Global Capital Meets Canadian Opportunity**

Global investors and agribusiness leaders take the stage to unpack why Canada is rapidly rising on the Ag & Food Tech investment map. Learn where international capital is flowing, what global partners are looking for, and how Canadian innovators can position themselves to win on the world stage.



09:45 - 09:55 **Natural Products Canada Presentation**



09:55 - 10:45 **Networking/Coffee Break**

10:45 - 11:45 **The Canadian Ag & Food Tech Launchpad**

Discover the next wave of Canadian innovation. Leading accelerators showcase some of their most promising cohort companies in a rapid-fire format that delivers a high-tempo. The showcase will be followed by a moderated discussion featuring two active investors alongside participating incubator and accelerator leaders, providing real-time market perspective and tactical advice for companies entering the seed and pre-seed arena, hungry for commercial traction.



11:45 - 12:45

Ag & Food Tech Solutions Lab: AI, Automation & the Future Farm

Where real challenges meet real solutions. This interactive working session brings industry leaders and innovators together to explore how AI, automation, and advanced data tools are transforming productivity, labour efficiency, and supply chain performance across agriculture and food processing. Designed for active audience participation, this interactive lab will surface shared insights and actionable outcomes participants can take back to their organizations.



12:45 - 12:50

Verdex Capital Presentation



12:50 - 13:45

Networking Lunch

13:45 - 14:30

International Market Gateways: Scaling Beyond Canada

Ready to think global? International trade and market leaders share proven pathways for Canadian companies expanding abroad. Gain practical insight into soft-landing supports, regulatory navigation, and partnership strategies that accelerate international growth.



14:30 - 15:00

Founder Reality Series: From Innovation to Market Impact

Go inside the investor-founder dynamic in this candid, interview-style conversation featuring an active venture investor alongside two portfolio founders. Together, they will unpack what it really takes to move from early traction to commercial momentum in today's Ag & Food Tech market.



15:00 - 15:40

Networking break

15:40 - 15:45

BDC Capital Presentation



15:45 - 16:15

Area One Farms: Risk Management and Technology Adoption for Farm Growth and Succession



Joelle Faulkner
Co-Founder & CEO
Area One Farms
Expansion Partners

Since 2012, Area One Farms has partnered with over 55 Canadian farm operators across 200,000+ acres, using an innovative equity model to support succession and growth.

Joelle Faulkner will share insights on how leading farmers are managing risk, adopting new technologies, and building resilient, future-ready operations.

16:15 - 18:00

Networking Reception

Thursday May 7, 2026

- 08:00 - 09:00 **Hot Networking Breakfast**
- 08:55 - 09:00 **Day Two Opening Remarks**
- 09:00 - 09:30 **Producer Voices: Real On-Farm Challenges & Technology Priorities**
 A producer-led feedback session bringing the on-farm perspective directly into the room. Farmers and producers will share first-hand insights on operational pain points, adoption barriers, and where current agtech solutions are — and are not — delivering value. Designed to foster practical dialogue between producers, innovators, and investors, this session grounds the conversation in real-world needs and highlights where the next wave of impactful innovation is most urgently required.



- 09:30 - 10:30 **The Canadian Ag & Food Tech Launchpad**
 The momentum continues with a second high-impact showcase of emerging Canadian companies and accelerator portfolios, giving investors and industry partners concentrated exposure to the country's most exciting innovations.



- 10:30 - 10:35 **Bioenterprise Presentation**



- 10:35 - 11:30 **Networking/Coffee Break**

- 11:30 - 12:30 **Ag & Food Tech Solutions Lab: Addressing the Most Compelling Industry Challenges**
 Roll up your sleeves for a hands-on session tackling the sector's most urgent challenges. Industry leaders and innovators work through practical solutions and pathways to adoption across the Ag & Food Tech value chain. Designed for active audience participation, this interactive lab will surface shared insights and actionable outcomes participants can take back to their organizations.



- 12:30 - 13:00 **Closing Keynote Speaker**
 Close the Forum with a big-picture conversation on the forces reshaping global agriculture, from climate pressure to geopolitical shifts, and what it will take for Canada to lead the next era of food and agriculture innovation. Exciting details coming soon!

- 13:00 - 13:05 **Closing Remarks**

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